

**Michigan Groundwater Conservation Advisory Council  
Meeting Summary  
Of  
July 10, 2007  
At the MSU James B. Henry Center  
3535 Forest Road  
Lansing, Michigan**

**Council Members**

Jon Allan  
Jim Cleland  
Jon Coleman  
Kurt Heise  
Rod Mersino  
Michael Newman  
Scott Piggott

Sumedh Bahl  
James Clift  
Michael Gregg  
Fred Henningsen  
Thomas Newhof  
Bill Pearson  
Dr. Paul Seelbach

**Guests**

Molly Flanagan – NWF  
Greg Fox – Perrier Group  
Dave Hamilton MDEQ - LWMD  
Rita Jack – Sierra Club  
David Lusch  
Jim Nicholas – USGS  
Patrick Schuh  
Grenetta Thomassey – Tip of the Mitt

Patricia Fouchey - MDNR  
Fred Goldberg - MMBJ Law  
Daniel Hayes – MSU  
Shaw Lacy - U of M  
Bill Maier - LBWL  
Frank Ruswick - MDEQ  
Tom Smith

**Introductions / Meeting Logistics**

Kurt Heise chaired the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves. A sign in sheet was passed around.

**Review of Final Report**

The final report will be 26 pages written by Jim Nicholas. The Chair thanked Mr. Nicholas for all of the time that he put into the report.

This second draft of the final report has only been distributed to the council members. The Council Members were polled to see what they thought of the content written in the report.

Paul Seelbach led a discussion on the areas of concern the council members mentioned. Jim Nicholas took notes to make the requested changes of the report.

### **Future Groundwater Policymaking**

Frank Ruswick will make a request to DEQ Director Steven Chester on seven categories that need attention.

1. Tool – spatial scale - resolve details
2. Documentation – USGS, DEQ & DNR are working on it. A technical description must be given to the Tool.
3. Website maintenance – will go from DNR to DEQ.
4. Public input on screening tool – Designing how to take tool on road.
5. Policy issues that need to be addressed before legislation can be written.
6. Longer term issues that need to be considered IE: how do we treat lakes? Will probably be deferred until after this legislation is passed.
7. Sustainability issues.

The Executive Order says the Department (DEQ) is obligated to pick up where the Council left off.

### **Lunch and Group Hug**

Thanks to the Michigan Aggregates Association, Mike Newman, for setting up the meeting location and providing lunch. Lunch was served in the adjoining MSU University Club Dining Hall.

### **Report Logistics**

Jim Nicholas informed the Council that the report will go to print by the end of the month. Only a limited number of printed copies will be made. The report will be available in PDF on the GWCAC Website for anyone who wishes to print a copy.

### **Reflections**

On behalf of all of the Council Members the Chair thanked Patricia Fouchey, Jim Nicholas, and all those who have contributed.

Jon Allan has agreed to put together an outreach effort. He will make up a plan of action to take the tool out to organizations. There are only a limited number of people who can properly present the tool so we must respect their time.